caringsociety must include the creation and moral communities in addition to developing moral individuals. Our families, our neighbourhoods, our schools, our places of entertainment, our business and social clubs are communities and they must become moral communities and agents of moral transformation in the broader society.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Be morally aware

* Evaluate moral values that guides your decisions and actions
* Discard values that influence you to act immorally
* Assess the moral climate of your community

Be part of a moral regeneration network

* Join an existing moral regeneration initiative in your locality If none, form one
* Acknowledge good values in other people's cultures, religions and traditions

Mainstream moral regeneration into the life and programmes of your organisation

* Help your organisation to define and uphold good values
* Hold your organistions responsible for ethical behaviour

Be personally involved

* Confront moral degeneration whenever and wherever it occurs
* Refuse to be part of immoral actions
* Expose incidences of immorality
* Help others to embrace good values

MRM CHARTER OF POSITIVE VALUES

The MRM Charter of Positive Values will constitute a framework of ethical and moral reference for all South Africans. The specific objectives of the Charter include:

I. Generating a Moral Vision for South Africa by defining what constitutes morality and rightful conduct, thus laying the foundation for commitment.

II. Conscientising South African society to take collective responsibility for developing a framework for a South African code of conduct, and

III. Restoring and anchoring values enshrined in the Constitution, including respect for human rights and accepting accountability for one's being and actions.

As a civil society driven initiative, the Moral Regeneration Programme gives an opportunity to redouble our efforts as a full partnership of the people, also to pay special attention to issues of development, social cohesion, and nation building through the Moral Regeneration Movement, as well as Traditional and Cultural Programmes.

Commited to the spirit of Ubuntu, which underlies our democracy and is embedded in our constitution, we dedicate ourselves as a nation to:

- Respect human dignity and equality
- Promote freedom, the rule of law and democracy.
- Improve material well-being and economic justice.
- Enhance family and community values.
- Uphold loyalty, Honesty and Integrity.
- Ensure harmony in culture, belief and conscience.
- Show respect and concern for all people.
- Strive for justice, fairness and peaceful co-existence.
- Protect the Environment.

The challenge is multifaceted and complex and the solutions similarly so. But,

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What is the moral regeneration movement?

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The MRM is primarily a movement and not an organization. It does not seek to replace or duplicate any of the existing initiatives and processes aimed at combating moral degeneration. Its mandate is to be a networking platform for all these various processes and initiatives. Therefore structures put in place to facilitate the work of MRM aim primarily at facilitating the envisaged networks and partnerships. They also seek to promote local action and commitment from within the various communities of the country at their various levels of existence and operation.

WHAT DOES THE MOVEMENT SEEK TO ACHIEVE?

The ultimate objective of the moral regeneration movement is to assist in the development of a caring society through the revival of the spirit of botho / ubuntu and the actualisation and realization of the values and ideals enshrined in our constitution, using all available resources and harnessing all initiatives in government, business and civil society. In the words of the State President Thabo Mbeki "The MRM will address the issue of the responsibility that each of us should take for our lives, moving from the understanding that, as we were our own liberators in resistance against apartheid so too should we today act as our own liberators in dealing with its legacy".

HOW DOES THE MRM OPERATE?

Networking forums, known as working committees, comprising provincial and local government, faith based organizations, non-governmental organizations, business, labour, traditional leaders, political parties have been established in all provinces. These structures are charged with the responsibility of facilitating the work of MRM within their own provinces and municipalities

WHAT ARE THE FOCUS AREAS OF THE MOVEMENT'S WORK?

Development of Ethical Leadership
Any process of transformation process requires able leaders to take it forward. Leaders at all levels and in all sectors of society are perceived as role models and should therefore be persons of integrity, and good examples, who themselves continually aspire to set the standard for 'morality'.
Moral Regeneration must aim at developing and nurturing such leadership!

Youth
The youth are the ones who bear most of the brunt of moral decay. They are often perceived as the agents of immoral behaviour or helpless victims who need some external intervention. They themselves decry the lack of role models and opportunities for right living.
Moral Regeneration must aim at harnessing and supporting the energy and creative spirit of youth towards moral renewal!

Education
As the Chairperson of the MRM cautions: "It little profits a nation to boast about thousands of teachers, doctors, engineers, accountants, lawyers, priests, scientists and all kinds of skilled personal personnel if these are devoid of moral values. Did Nazi Germany or Apartheid South Africa not boast of similarly skilled citizenry? Yet it was the same professional and skilled persons that were turned into monsters that sent helpless persons to gas chambers, conducted experiments on human bodies without their consent and mercilessly killed people for being different from them. "Equally, in our times, it is skilled people who steal government funds and thus prevent the delivery of social services to the needy.
Moral Regeneration must aim at making our education system foreground moral formation as one of its core functions both in theory and in practice!

The Family
The family in all its cultural and religious manifestations is an important agent of socialisation and a major instrument for nurturing values, attitudes and behaviour.
Moral Regeneration must aim at strengthening the family unit!

Riches and Poverty
Unquestionably, poverty is seen as a serious threat to moral regeneration. This does not mean that the poor are immoral; often the poorest people display deep moral integrity. It is the growing gap between the rich and poor and the worsening levels of poverty that are immoral. These create conditions within which moral decay in communities and neighbourhoods flourishes.
Moral Regeneration must aim at combating poverty and reducing the inequality gap!

Crime and Corruption
The prevalence of crime and high levels of corruption manifests a deep loss of respect for human life; a profound lack of patriotism and care for others and sickening degree of greed and selfishness.
Moral Regeneration must aim at combating the root causes of crime and corruption in all their manifestations!

Religion
Religious belief and practices is another key agent of moral formation. Given the diversity of religious belief systems in our communities and the propensity of formal religion to proselytise, the power of religion as an agent of moral renewal is weakened.
Moral Regeneration must aim at fostering greater religious tolerance and cooperation for moral renewal!

The Media
The media is generally negative when reporting about moral issues. Media economics are seen to dictate that good news do not sell, whilst negative news does. Therefore, in pursuit of commercial imperatives, the media is likely to concentrate on news that sells (which are often negative) at the expense of good news (news that do not sell). this fuels perception that the country is generally immoral!
Moral Regeneration must aim at ensuring that the media does also carry positive stories of moral courage
and renewal!

WHO ARE THE TARGETS FOR MORAL REGENERATION INTERVENTIONS?

Individuals and Communities
Most of the citizens of the country, with their varied cultural backgrounds and expressions, uphold the ideal of high personal moral conduct. Indeed many South Africans are people of high moral values and conduct. Everyone recognizes that morality requires that individuals should be of a good moral standing, but it is more than that. Attempts to develop a transformed, peaceful, just and